

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 09/908,877 filed Jul. 18, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,675,734 entitled "Spiral Formed Flexible Fluid Containment Vessel" the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 09/832,739 filed Apr. 11, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,860,218 entitled "Flexible Fluid Containment Vessel" the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] FIGS. 7A-7E are somewhat perspective views of an FFCV showing the steps to effect the closure of its ends in a further embodiment, incorporating the teachings of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0079] with the following amended paragraph:

[0079] To create a tapered end portion on an FFCV constructed from a tubular fabric, a solution is to create shape during the weaving, knitting, or braiding process. As can be seen in FIG. 8, the FFCV includes a tube 12 and end portions generally designated 14 for the bow and 16 for the stern (not shown in the figure). Creating the tapered shape during the weaving, knitting or braiding processes, creates the cone shaped bow 14 or cone shaped stern without pleats. The tubular weaving industry has developed looms capable of weaving very large tubular structures. For example, the industry has looms that measure 31 meters in width. These looms can be used to create tubular structures having a circumference of up to 124 meters using double endless weaving techniques. Examples of FFCVs created with a tapered end portion during the weaving,

knitting or braiding processes are depicted in FIGS. 9A-9D. A person of skill in the art will readily understand the weaving, knitting or braiding processes used to fabricate the FFCVs depicted in the figures and that the figures are not drawn to scale and are only used for illustration purposes. An example of a method that may be used to create a woven, knitted or braided FFCV according to the present invention is outlined in FIG. 10.

Please add the following new paragraphs after paragraph [0039]:

[0039.1] FIG. 8 is a somewhat general perspective view of an unpleated bow or stern of an FFCV, incorporating the teachings of the present invention;

[0039.2] FIG. 9A is a perspective view of a bow or stern of an FFCV woven by eliminating warp yarns at the far edges of a loom in a sequential fashion as the fabric is woven, incorporating the teachings of the present invention;

[0039.3] FIG. 9B is a perspective view of a bow or stern of an FFCV formed by drawing in the warp yarns as the tube is woven, incorporating the teachings of the present invention;

[0039.4] FIG. 9C is a perspective view of a knitted bow or a stern of an FFCV, incorporating the teachings of the present invention;

[0039.5] FIG. 9D is a perspective view of a bow or stern of an FFCV formed by a braiding process, incorporating the teachings of the present invention; and

[0039.6] FIG. 10 is a block diagram outlining an example of the method steps that may be used to create a woven, knitted, or braided FFCV, incorporating the teachings of the present invention.